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SUBJECT: EAST BEIRUT AND SUBURBS CALM

REF: BEIRUT 0273

1. CALM RETURNED TO EAST BEIRUT AND SUBURBS JAN 25. SHOPS AND SCHOOLS ARE OPEN; TRAFFIC IS NORMAL.

2. DATT AND OTHER SOURCES NOW REPORT THAT ONLY ONE SYRIAN SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION (WITH A MAXIMUM STRENGTH OF 350) MOVED INTO EAST BEIRUT AND SUBURBS OVER THE WEEKEND. SOME TROOPS REMAIN IN THE AREA ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY AT A GREATLY REDUCED LEVEL. DURING VISIT TO ASHRAFIYAH, EMBOFF SAW ONLY ABOUT 20 SYRIAN SOLDIERS, THREE SYRIAN CHECKPOINTS (AT WHICH ONLY NORMAL EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO STOP CARS), AND TWO PARKED SYRIAN ARMORED CARS BLOCKING A STREET. NO SYRIAN TROOPS WERE IN FRONT OF THE PHALANGE PARTY OR NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY HEADQUARTERS, BUT A SMALL NUMBER WERE STATIONED NEAR THE PHALANGE SECURITY SERVICE HEADQUARTERS IN AKKAWI.

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3. PIERRE GEMAYEL AND CAMILLE CHAMOUN HAVE BOTH MADE PUBLIC APPEALS FOR CALM, STRESSING THAT THE SYRIAN ARMY IS AN ALLY RATHER THAN AN OCCUPATION FORCE.
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